

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal Two)

Docket No. RM2021-4

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 6

(Issued August 31, 2021)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider proposed changes in analytical principles, filed March 24, 2021, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions.<sup>1</sup> Answers to the questions should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than September 7, 2021.

1. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY20-10, Excel file "USPS-FY20-10 FCM Letters.xlsx"<sup>2</sup> and Excel file "Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Model.xlsx" filed with the Petition.
  - a. Library Reference USPS-FY20-10, Excel file "USPS-FY20-10 FCM Letters.xlsx," tab "MISC," cell E10 indicates the percent of Presort Letters destined to a P.O. Box is 5.73 percent. Please confirm that the 5.73 percent was eliminated in Excel file "Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Mode.xlsx," tab "MISC."
  - b. Please confirm that the 5.73 percent of Presort Letters volume destined for a P.O. Box was not removed from Table 2, Column E in Excel file

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Two), March 24, 2021 (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. ACR2020, Library Reference USPS-FY20-10 – FY 2020 Special Cost Studies Workpapers – Letter Cost Models (First-Class and Marketing Mail), December 29, 2020.

“Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Model.xlsx,” tab “PRESORT LETTERS SUM.”

- c. In Excel file “Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Model.xlsx,” tab “PRESORT LETTERS SUM,” please confirm that the volume of Presort Letters destined to a P.O. Box would be approximately 1,957,063,332 (volume in cell E28 \* percent of Presort Letters destined to a P.O. Box).
  - d. If question 1.b. is confirmed, please explain why the Postal Service did not remove the volume of Presort Letters destined for P.O. Boxes from Table 2, Column E.
  - e. Please provide updated workpapers that account for the removal of P.O. Box volume for Presort Letters and Presort Cards.
2. Please refer to Excel file “Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Model.xlsx,” tab “CRA – PRESORT LETTERS,” cell C77, which reflects the total unit costs for all Presort Letters including those destined for P.O. Boxes.
  - a. Please confirm that the total unit costs for all Presort Letters would change if the 5.73 percent of Presort Letters destined for a P.O box were removed.
  - b. Please provide updated workpapers that account for the removal of P.O. Box volume for Presort Letters and Presort Cards.
3. Please refer to response to Chairman’s Information Request No. 2, question 1.a., where the Postal Service confirmed the removal of “Incoming Secondaries” costs for “Box Section Sort, DPS [Delivery Point Sequence (DPS)]” and “Box Section

Sort, Other” on the cost sheets for each presort level in Excel file “Proposal Two FCM Letters Cost Model.xlsx.”<sup>3</sup>

- a. Does “Box Section Sort, DPS” represent Presort Letters destined for P.O. Boxes that are in DPS trays?
- b. Does “Box Section Sort, Other” represent Presort Letters destined for P.O. Boxes that are in non-DPS trays, which would require additional handling within the operations of cost pool NONMODS MANL?
- c. Are non-DPS trays separated into those destined for P.O. Boxes and those that are not?
- d. Before the operations of cost pool NONMODS D.PO BOX, does a DPS Presort Letter destined for a P.O. Box come directly from the operations of cost pool NONMODS ALLIED?
- e. Before the operations of cost pool NONMODS D.PO BOX, does a non-DPS Presort Letter destined for a P.O. Box come directly from the operations of cost pool NONMODS MANL and before that the operations of cost pool NONMODS ALLIED?
- f. Does a MAADC Presort Letter destined for a P.O. Box have a lower percent of arriving at the delivery unit in a DPS tray than a 5-Digit Presort Letter destined for a P.O. Box?

By the Chairman.

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<sup>3</sup> Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-5 of Chairman's Information Request No. 2, April 29, 2021, question 1.